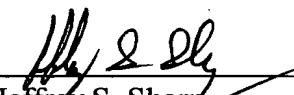




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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2001 in the above-identified application in which all pending claims 1, 2 and 4-20 were rejected under one or more of 35 U.S.C. §§112(second paragraph) and 103(a). Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. This response is timely filed as a petition for a two month's extension of time to October 22, 2001 is submitted herewith.